

August 11, 2011

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I write in strong support of LightSquared's efforts to launch a nationwide 4G-LTE broadband wireless network. This network represents a rare opportunity to increase the amount of spectrum assigned to broadband wireless, a crucial goal of our National Broadband Plan.

LightSquared's integrated satellite-terrestrial network will greatly increase access to wireless broadband for the 26 million Americans who lack it, particularly in rural areas. The company is a long-standing satellite communications provider to the public safety and homeland security community, and the new network's ability to reach remote areas and provide seamless secure connectivity will be of great benefit to first responders, healthcare workers and emergency response personnel.

Also, as a wholesale provider, LightSquared will allow smaller wireless providers to offer world-class service and also enable many new competitors to enter the wireless market. Competition brings innovation, greater customer choice and lower prices. LightSquared's network also will bring much-needed investment in the U.S. economy, creating 15,000 jobs a year during its buildout.

Please do not waste another day to capitalize upon this opportunity, with public safety and job creation at stake.

Sincerely,

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